

**Question for written answer E-013807/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Regulation on self-consumption of electricity in Spain

On 9 October 2015, the Spanish Government adopted Royal Decree 900/2015 regulating administrative, technical and economic conditions for methods of electricity supply based on self-consumption and production with self-consumption. The decree contains a series of measures that will adversely affect people who produce and consume their own electricity.

These include bureaucratic and economic hurdles that will discourage self-consumption, and the introduction of a 'support charge' with the aim of taxing individuals who consume self-generated electricity while being connected to the national power grid.

Self-consumption makes for a more efficient energy system, and helps to achieve EU objectives on promoting renewable energies. Spain has gone from being a pioneer in renewables (awarding grants to buyers of solar panels) to a country that obstructs their use.

1. Does the Commission consider that the new royal decree is in line with the 2020 Energy Strategy to promote renewables in the EU?
2. What is the Commission's view on the solar power potential that is being wasted in Spain?
3. Does the Commission believe that the Spanish Government's actions are in line with Directive 2009/28/EC?